

Region V RAC Meeting Minutes October 11, 2012

ATTENDEE'S		ACTION ITEMS
	<p>Kim Dopson, Beth Cothern, Annette Ludington, Karen Mielzner, Kelly Smuthers, Lauri Heward, Kent Iretton, Carmen Babb, Carmalin Resz, Marsha Stallones, Bev Ashton, LeWayne Jungert, Jaci Urie, Nancy Kuna, Gary Kaufman, Debbie Thomas, Jaime Goffin</p>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 8-9-12	<p>A motion was made to accept the minutes from the August 9, 2012 RAC meeting.</p>	<p>Incorrect phone # for CRDS and 2 misspellings of names need to be corrected. Minutes approved as corrected.</p>
RAC CHAIR UPDATE- KIM DOPSON	<p>The meeting was called to order by Kim and introductions were made. Kim spoke briefly about the Partners in the Park event and thanked everyone for their help.</p>	
UPDATES CRDS-BETH COTHERN	<p>Officer Dan Heil is the new Crime Prevention Officer his contact information is: <u>Phone: 735-7358; e-mail: dheel@tffd.org</u></p> <p>Nancy Lopez, the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Coordinator wanted to let everyone know that the Idaho grants to combat EUDL are now open on the www.idjc.idaho.gov Website.</p> <p>At the Partners in the Park event an estimated 5,500 plus people were in attendance this year according to SSCAP. I spent \$26.74 on materials for the RAC booth (allotted \$50) and submitted the payment for \$145 to Vinyl Creations for the new BH/RAC banner.</p> <p>Recovery Group: Melanie Curtis, a parent from Boise held a teleconference about starting a statewide recovery group as a way</p>	

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	<p>to support those in recovery and to show it works and to utilize the voices in recovery. Summaries were sent out by e-mail and were available at the RAC meeting. Melanie sent a follow up e-mail stating that she set up a Facebook group called Idaho Voices in Recovery.</p> <p>Beth gave an update of some possible programs for schools including Sources of Strength; Job/Intern program, Children of Incarcerated parents program.</p>	
<p>RESTORATIVE JUSTICE-LEWAYNNE JUNGERT, EASTER SEALS-GOODWILL and BEV ASHTON, DISTRICT 5 LIAISON</p>	<p>LeWaynne and Bev spoke about the restorative justice program and how the focus of the program is to repair the harm caused by crime. This is done through mediations between the victim, the offender and the community. They utilize the restorative conferencing model. Offenders meet with victims and create a written agreement to take full responsibility for their crime(s). In schools there are currently 8-10 active cases and they use circles to facilitate communication, build empathy and create engagement and to prepare them to re-enter the community. Schools have also utilized effective statements and questions that encourage thinking and problem solving through informal meetings which has been quite effective. Throughout the year trainings occur in diversion (Oct) and circles (spring).</p>	
<p>VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION - KENT IRETON, REGION MANAGER</p>	<p>Kent introduced himself and stated that the mission of his agency is to <i>Serve people with</i></p>	

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	<p><i>disabilities to obtain/maintain employment.</i></p> <p>Kent clarified who was eligible for services as: <i>Anyone with a disabling condition which can include physical, mental health or substance abuse.</i> They partner with those supplying support, therapy and resources. To qualify, an individual must demonstrate a substantial impediment to employment (hard for them to keep a job), and be either underemployed or unemployed. Once they are eligible they go through a written planning process that targets a compatible vocation for the individual with vocational counselors. In the schools they have a school work transition program that helps youth get ready for the transition from school to work. They offer an open orientation in Twin Falls and the surrounding area every Friday at 10 am for individuals/families on how the program works at their office in Twin Falls at 1445 Filimore St., Suite 1102. Questions and a brief discussion followed.</p>	
<p>NETWORKING:</p> <p>UPDATES/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION</p> <p>JAMIE GOFFEN, BPA</p>	<p>Kim asked Jamie for a systems update; as things are still in the talking stages so, this is ongoing. Jamie relayed that work groups are discussing development and strategies as to Idaho's needs/details and discussing workforce development issues.</p>	<p>There is a new child care provider <i>Tots for Teens</i>. It is for parents who need child care while utilizing SUD services. They offer services until 9-10 pm and are located at 344</p>

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	2nd Avenue North, Twin Falls, and can be reached at: (208) 734-4459, More referrals are needed.	
Group Discussion lead by: DEBBIE THOMAS, CEO WALKER CENTER	There is a new SUD Provider in Hailey; Alliance Family Services will be providing drug court and mental health/substance use services. Lengthy discussion about Medicaid as a funding source and that the intent is to listen to communities and identify resources. The worry is how do you predict the future and prepare your agency for the future? Questions were raised about how possible changes will impact staff currently holding a CADC with an Associate's degree and that they may not credential them. What would a licensure look like? And that facilities or individuals could be licensed.	
MARSHA STALLONES, JUVENILE PROBATION	Marsha discussed her Lunch Buddy program and that she has had very few referrals from elementary schools. She wondered about the sustainability of the program and has a few openings for referrals.	
BEV ASHTON, REGION 5 LIAISON	Update was given on the changes in administration at the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center; Kevin Sandau is currently the acting administrator while interviews for the position are ongoing. Bev's office is now located at 2469 Wright Ave., Twin Falls.	
GROUP	Brief discussion was held about resurrecting Southern Idaho Partners Against Drugs (SIPAD) and if the RAC members wanted to be	

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	a part of that. Feedback was given on possible avenues such as making it a coalition, or to make it more a community group as opposed to one made up mostly of professionals in the field.	
NEXT MEETING	December 13, 2012 at 9:30 am at Dept. of Health and Welfare on Pole Line Road	